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THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Viscount Grey's Comparisons.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, June 28.

Viscount Grey presided at a dinner given by the League of Nations Union in honour of the Dominion Premiers. There was a large gathering of notables including representatives of all nations adhering to the League.

Viscount Grey, in proposing the League, declared that the British Empire today represented the disappearance of the old idea of central authority and subordination, and the new idea of voluntary co-operation, based on confidence and equal authority. Similarly, the League represented the disappearance of something old and the embodiment of a new spirit. Referring to disarmament, Viscount Grey urged for negotiations with the United States, not with a view to making a bargain but for the purpose of doing something to diminish world competition.

General Smuts, responding, believed that the idea at the base of the League would even ally work the greatest revolution the world had ever seen.

The Indian delegate, Mr. Cutch, declared that India appreciated her new duties and responsibilities to the British Empire. India wished nothing better than success for the greater League.

ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

A Possible Postponement.

London, June 28.

It is stated on good authority that probably the question of the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese Treaty will be postponed for several months, in which the existing Treaty will automatically continue, in order to enable Mr. Hughes and Mr. Meighen to return home and consult their colleagues and, if necessary, obtain a referendum vote of their own people upholding or rejecting the proposals which were to be settled by the Imperial Conference.

In connection with the above, Reuter learns from an authoritative source that Anglo-Japanese discussions are progressing with a view to leaving sufficient time adequately to discuss the question of the renewal of the Alliance but hitherto there has been no decision.

HOME CRICKET.

Australians v. Warwickshire.

London, June 28.

At Birmingham in brilliant hot weather and before 10,000 spectators, the Australians opened their match against Warwickshire, not the Midlands. Warwickshire, by confident batting, scored 262, the Reverend E. R. Waddy, from New South Wales (50) being warmly applauded, the fielders joining in. Hendry took 4 for 64, and Ryder 3 for 62. The Australians scored 148 runs for 4, Bardsley making 60. He gave two chances and hit ten fours. Warwick's fielding was poor.

Armstrong received eleven gold medals from F. R. Spofforth for the players who participated in the one-hundredth Test Match at Nottingham on May 28.

BAD NEWS FROM TURKEY.

Town Set Ablaze.

London, June 29.

In the House of Commons at question time, Mr. Harnsworth stated that he had received information that the Greeks evacuated the town of Ismid on the evening of June 27. The town was afire and there was great panic in the district. Numbers of Armenians and neutral Turks were fleeing to Constantinople. There appeared to be considerable danger of massacres as a result of the general confusion, but the Allied High Commissioners were taking all possible steps to prevent outrages.

REPARATIONS.

Germany Latest Payments.

London, June 28.

In the House of Commons Lieut.-Com. Hilton Young said that 25,733,000 dollars had been received from the German Government to May 31, a further 12,000,000 dollars had been received since. All had been deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank New York, on account of the Reparations Commission.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

Concluding Soon.

London, June 28.

It is expected that the Imperial Conference will conclude with a discussion on the Anglo-Japanese Alliance to-morrow. Meighen, Hughes, Smuts, Massey, Mahasoo and Cutch spoke to-day.

LADIES LAWN TENNIS.

Miss Ryan Wins.

London, June 28.

At Wimbledon in the Ladies' singles final, Miss Ryan beat Mrs. Satterthwaite 6/1 6/0.

ENGINEERING DISPUTE SETTLED.

London, June 29.

After prolonged negotiations, ending at 3 o'clock in the morning, between employers and engineering workers, a provisional agreement for a settlement was reached. This requires ratification by the workers.

THE IRISH PROBLEM.

De Valera Refuses Invitation.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, June 28.

De Valera has refused the League of Nations invitation to attend a conference in London, declaring that Irish political conferences should be attended on Irish soil.

Understandings.

Four Southern Unionists, the Earl of Midleton, Sir Andrew Jameson and Sir Maurice Dockrell M.P. and Sir Robert Woods, M.P., whom De Valera invited simultaneously with Sir James Craig to Dublin, have accepted.

BRITISH INDUSTRY.

Flickerings of a Revival.

London, June 29.

Presiding at a dinner given by the Government to the members of the International Chamber of Commerce, Sir Robert Horne declared that he saw at least the flickerings of a new order for British industries. He hoped for a revival by the nations and pointed out that the nations of the world were interdependent. The future prosperity of the world depended on the solution of the credits question. A start had been made in connection with it but it was more necessary that a new plan should be devised, giving wider scope.

U.S. AND DISARMAMENT.

President Harding's Hope.

Washington, June 29.

President Harding's wish to the Representatives of the House of Representatives, hoping that Congress will express a favourable opinion on world disarmament and that the Executive will give every consideration to such a plan. The Administration has been seeking information from the Representatives of foreign nations on disarmament and the possibility of a general conference.

TO END WAR.

Result of Senate and House Compromise.

Washington, June 29.

The Senate and the House of Representatives conference have reached a compromise on the Knox-Porter solutions, declaring the state of war with Germany and Austria ended. The compromise embodies the House of Representatives' plan for declaring the state of war ended, and the Senate provisions for making reservations in regard to American and other rights.

THE NEAR EAST.

Outspoken Japanese Statement.

Constantinople, June 29.

Mr. Ushida the Japanese High Commissioner, interviewed, stated that Japan was deeply interested in the question of the Straits, which must not be allowed to fall under the domination of a single nation. It is also reported that he declared that "the Turks wish to regain by force of arms the territories lost in the war. That is impossible."

France's Attitude.

Paris, June 29.

The Chamber's Foreign Affairs Committee has passed a resolution in favour of the re-establishment of peace in the Near East, and in view of the Greeks' refusal of the Allies' offer of mediation, France is unable to afford the Greek Government any financial or military aid whatsoever.

JAPAN'S CROWN PRINCE IN FRANCE.

Paris, June 24 (delayed).

The Alsatian population gave a great reception to the Japanese Crown Prince who, upon being welcomed at Strasbourg by the Governor-General and Municipality stated that the restoration of Alsace Lorraine to France was the consecration of right and justice. The Prince paid a lengthy visit to the famous University where a number of Japanese are among the students.—Havas.

ISLAMIC COLLEGE FOR PARIS.

Paris, June 24 (delayed).

French North African Moslems have contributed the first instalment of one million francs towards a Mosque and Islamic College to be erected in Paris upon ground donated by the city.—Havas.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

Peking, June 30.

The Premier has decided to issue a circular telegram prohibiting the various provincial authorities from drafting constitutional regulations for autonomy.

Shanghai, June 30.

At a general meeting of the population of Ichang it has been decided to mark out an area as a foreign settlement, this to be protected by the British and Japanese powers. No Chinese force will be permitted to station in the vicinity.

It is reported that the refusal to give up the Shensi (Tuchun-shi) by Chan Shu-fan will result in fighting between the forces of Chi and Shensi.

The Kiangsi Provincial Assembly has made a declaration that they will follow Chen Kian's lead, and declare autonomy according to the wishes of the people.

It is rumoured that Wong Jim yuen, Tuchun of Hupeh, has at commandeer Ng Kung-shan, whose forces are at present planning to seize Wuhsing and Hankow.

HOUSE RENTS.

GOVERNMENT'S NEW RESTRICTION BILL.

"STANDARD RENTS" INTRODUCED.

Restriction of Ejectment.

That the Government in its attitude on the house rents question was demonstrated this afternoon at the meeting of the Legislative Council, when a Bill was introduced to amend the law relating to the recovery of possession in certain cases and to restrict the rents of certain domestic tenements.

The Objects and Reasons state—

1. This bill is the outcome of the appointment by H. E. the Governor of a committee of the Legislative Council to consider and advise what steps should be taken to protect the tenants of domestic tenements from unreasonable increases in rental and from arbitrary termination of their tenancies. The committee was appointed on the 23rd June.

2. In appointing the committee H. E. the Governor suggested that a possible way of dealing with unreasonable increases in rental would be to add to the rents payable in 1914 and 1915 such a percentage as would compensate for the fall in value of money during the last six or seven years, and to provide that no rent higher than the maximum rent so ascertained should be recoverable after the 30th June of this year, unless such higher rent should have been authorised by some body appointed for this purpose.

3. The committee, in the short time at their disposal have been unable to formulate any scheme to carry out this suggestion. The question of the percentage to be added in order to compensate for the fall in the value of money is a difficult one. It is complicated by the fact that in all probability the proper percentage would vary according to the locality in which the house was situated and it might be necessary to divide the Colony into a considerable number of districts in which varying percentages might be added. The boundaries of these districts might be difficult to ascertain and to define. For instance, it is possible that a district may have been in an early stage of development in 1914, and that the owners of houses in that district were prepared to let their property at low rentals in order to attract tenants to the locality, hoping to recover their losses later when the extension of the town or the increased popularity of the district should have attracted a larger population. In a case like this it would seem hardly fair to allow only the same percentage of increase as would be allowed in an old established district. The difficulty does not end here, because it is possible that some recent houses in the same locality may have been let from the beginning at a rent perfectly fair to the owner, and it would be unreasonable to allow such owners the same rate of increase as would be allowed to owners who had at the beginning let their houses at a sacrifice. It may also be pointed out that no assistance in dealing with the proposed return to the basis of the rents payable six or seven years ago, with the addition of a certain percentage, can be obtained from legislation on this subject in the United Kingdom or in the Straits Settlements, as in both these cases the statutes went back for a much shorter period. The original Act in the United Kingdom, which became law on the 23rd December, 1915, went back to the rents in force on the 3rd August, 1914, and the first Statute Settlements went back only about a year and nine months.

4. These difficulties are referred to not for the purpose of showing that the Government's proposal is impracticable, but to show that the Government has not been possible to adopt it in the present bill which has been drafted at such short notice. The committee will proceed to consider the suggestion, and they will be glad to receive through the Chairman (the Attorney General) any practical legislative proposals as to how this suggestion can be carried out. The importance of a single-minded legislation immediately is in order to prevent existing tenants from being turned out at the end of the current half year.

5. The main object of the present bill, therefore, is to ensure that tenants now in occupation shall not be dispossessed for the present, so long as they comply with the terms of the tenancies under which they hold. This policy obviously involves taking away from the landlords the right to give their tenants notice to quit.

6. It also seems desirable to provide expressly against increases of rent during the currency of the Ordinance. In view of the fact that in many cases rents appear to have been raised excessively since the end of last year, in some cases possibly on account of the anticipated raising of the rates, it seems advisable to go back to the 31st December, 1920, for the purpose of ascertaining what is termed in the Ordinance the standard rent. Speaking broadly, if the bill becomes law, no tenant now in actual occupation will be obliged to pay any rent higher than that which was payable in respect of his tenement on the 31st December, 1920. Provision is made in clause 2 (e) for the cases of domestic tenements which were not let on 31st December, 1920.

7. The bill applies only to private domestic tenements, and it does not apply to offices, godowns, hotels or boarding houses. It also does not apply to furnished houses. It does apply to every bed space, cubicle, room, portion of a floor, floor, or building, which is the subject of a separate letting, and which is used for human habitation. It applies to a shop if the master or his employees live on the premises. It does not apply to the New Territories, except New Kowloon. It does not apply to an entirely new building which gets its occupation certificate after the commencement of the Ordinance, and any such building will be completely free from the restrictions of the Ordinance. This provision has been made because it is desirable not to discourage the erection of new domestic buildings.

8. The clauses in the bill on which this paragraph is founded are clauses 2 (b) and clause 9.

9. It is hoped that one subsidiary effect of the Ordinance will be to encourage the erection of new domestic buildings. In the first place, such new buildings will be entirely free from the restrictions of the Ordinance, and the owners will be entitled to charge whatever rents they can obtain. In the second place, as tenants cannot be turned out so long as they pay the standard rent, well-to-do immigrants who wish to acquire a residence in Hongkong will have to build for themselves.

10. Tenants now in occupation will practically have their tenancies extended, on the old tenancy terms, so long as they pay the standard rent, and if they are turned out it will be due either to their own fault or to their failure or inability to pay the standard rent. There is one exception to this statement, namely, when the landlord requires the premises for his own occupation (see clause 4 (b) (i)), but

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

HOTEL-KEEPER'S LIABILITIES.

Shanghai, June 29. The District Judge has given an important decision in the case of a hotel guest who was responsible in respect of articles stolen from his room at night time.

His Honour held that the English law of liability of innkeepers was applicable here and gave judgment for plaintiff respecting articles stolen from a rooming house, which the management was reasonably responsible, but concerning others such as a watch and money left on the dressing table, he gave judgment for defendants (Raffles Hotel) on the ground of plaintiff's own negligence. It was properly to be expected, he said, that hotel guests should look up, or otherwise safeguard such property.

SINGAPORE TRADE.

Singapore, June 29.

The Colony's trade statistics for the first quarter of the current year show a marked depression. Imports totalled \$164,747,273, a decrease of \$180,691,072 as compared with 1920. Exports totalled \$104,230,611 as compared with \$321,702,081 last year.

Tin exports decreased by 219,157 pounds of a value of \$40,354,182 to 47,747 pounds of a value of \$4,603,139 and rubber exports of a value of \$124,014,497 to \$44,729 pounds of a value of \$22,353,283.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 11.15 a.m. to-day—

"Cyclone or typhoon near or over Southern Formosa moving W.N.W."

News in Today's New Advertisements.

A dance will be held at the R.H.Y. Club House on Friday, July 8th.—Page 4.

A. S. Watson close at 1 p.m. to-morrow. The Hongkong Dispensary, however, will remain open until 7.30 p.m.—Page 4.

Jane Cowie to a 6 part feature, "The Spreading Dawn" is being shown at the Kowloon Theatre to-night.—Page 12.

"The Marriage Market" is being staged at the Theatre Royal to-night.—Page 4.

One Lot of Crown Land above Bowen Road will be sold by public auction at the P. W. D. on July 4.—Page 4.

Lane, Crawford are advertising special offers in Gent's Underwear.—Page 3.

The O. S. K. advise consignees of cargo of the arrival in port of the s.s. Arabia Maru.—Page 5.

J. T. Shaw is having a Sale for one week commencing July 4.—Page 7.

Consignees of Cargo for the s.s. Shioyo Maru are given the usual notice by the T.K.K. on Page 4.

Sammet Bros are selling a mixed lot of goods at their salesrooms on Saturday.—Page 4.

Powells have a nice line in Gent's Ties.—Page 7.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand today was 2s 7 1/2d.

The Weather.

2 p.m. Barometer—29.45. Temperature—85°. Humidity—72°.

Lighting-Up Time.

Lighting-up time to-day, 7.15.

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HOUSE RENTS.

Reply to H.E. the Governor's Statement.

We have received the following letter from the Acting Secretary of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., replying to the remarks in regard to house rents made by His Excellency the Governor at the last meeting of the Legislative Council.

Dear Sir,—I have been requested by my Directors to ask you to kindly insert this letter in your paper as my Directors consider that they would be failing in their duty to their Shareholders if they allowed the remarks made by His Excellency the Governor to the Legislative Council on Thursday the 23rd instant to pass unchallenged, particularly as silence might be construed as assent.

His Excellency's remarks were directed to the following matters:—

(a) The rack-renting of tenants by which term my Company presume His Excellency means the demanding of an exorbitant rent and not the generally accepted legal term which is a rent of the full value of the tenement.

(b) The dispossession of tenants to make room for other tenants who are prepared to pay a higher rent.

(c) The farming out of Chinese tenements.

Dealing first of all with (a) "The Rack-renting of tenants," His Excellency takes as an example No. 1 Bowrington Road, 1st and 2nd floors, which presumably is a glaring instance of the form of extortion which he desires to bring to light.

My Company have made inquiries into this matter and have ascertained that the true facts are as follows:—

The Bowrington Road Houses have each three floors, the Ground Floor, the 1st and 2nd Floors. No. 1 Bowrington Road is an end house and therefore considered preferable to the others. It has side windows which the others have not.

Up till May of this year and at the present time the monthly rents of Nos. 1, 3 and 5 Bowrington Road were as follows:—

Bowrington Road	Ground Floor	1st Floor	2nd Floor
No. 1	\$25	\$17	\$15
No. 3	\$24	\$24	\$25
No. 5	\$24	\$24	\$24

The 1st and 2nd Floors of No. 1 Bowrington Road were and still are let to the Sanitary Board for the Sanitary Closets. The monthly rent for the two floors was and still is \$27 only, whilst the ground floor was and still is \$25 per month. The monthly rents for No. 3 Bowrington Road were and still are Ground Floor \$24, 1st Floor \$24, 2nd Floor \$25.

On the 1st instant, the Chinaman who had previously been farming this property gave up his lease and another Chinaman took a lease of this and other property. The new farmer seeing no reason why the Sanitary Board should have the 1st and 2nd floors of No. 1 Bowrington Road, being an end house, at \$27 per month whilst the 1st and 2nd floors of Nos. 3 and 5 were paying \$49 and \$48 respectively, wrote to the Head of the Sanitary Board stating that the rent of the two floors would be increased to \$60 which is an increase of \$11 only on the present monthly rent of the 1st and 2nd floors of No. 3 Bowrington Road, No. 1 Bowrington Road being as before pointed out the end and therefore the better house and always let at a higher rent than the inside houses which have no side windows.

As to the reason why the former farmer let the 1st and 2nd floors of No. 1 Bowrington Road to the Sanitary Board at such a low rental my Company do not know.

As regards (b) "The dispossession of tenants to make room for other tenants who are prepared to pay higher rents."

My Company understand that under this heading His Excellency had in mind 1 to 3 Broadwood Road and 1 to 8 Broadwood Terrace situated on Inland Lot 2039.

My Company have made out a comprehensive account which shows the exact financial value of this property to my Company.

1-3 Broadwood Road and 1-8 Broadwood Terrace, Inland Lot 2039, European Houses.

Purchased from the Government 16th September 1918, Gazette Notice Price \$12,119.00, area approx. 24,238 sq. ft.

Price paid Government, \$20,000.00
Cost of building and other capital charges 138,680.65
\$158,680.65

4 houses let between January and April, 1916.

All houses let from 1st April, 1916 (twelve months reckoned from 1st April each year.)

1916-1917	Return
1917-1918	5.04
1918-1919	4.77
1919-1920	5.95
1920-1921	5.95

No. allowance for depreciation has been made in this account.

On looking into this account it will be seen:—

(1) That although the upset price at the Government auction was \$12,119.00 nevertheless my Company had to pay \$20,000 for the property owing to the competition at the auction which of course the Government took full advantage of and were parties to.

(2) That the net return per annum to my Company of the property between the years 1916 and 1921 ranged between 4.77 and 6.29.

(3) That in these figures no deduction for depreciation has been made. A reasonable percentage for depreciation would be 3% per annum. Had there been a deduction of such 3% in this case the result would be negligible.

(4) In this account no deduction for repairs has been made for the first two years.

From the above account it will be seen that this property has cost my Company \$158,680.65.

At the beginning of this month my Company was able to dispose of this not very profitable investment for \$200,000 showing a profit to my Company of \$41,319.35 on their outlay. When entering into this contract it was arranged by my Company that none of the tenants including those on monthly tenancies should in any event be dispossessed until the end of August next.

Dealing now with (c) "The Farming out of Chinese tenements."

As far as my Company are aware there are now only three, but were formerly four, European concerns holding Chinese tenement property. All these concerns have attempted without success to directly rent out their properties but they have decided by heavily bought experience that the only way such kind of property can be efficiently managed is by the Chinese themselves and therefore the system known as "farming out" has been adopted, which is merely leasing en bloc to the Chinese.

My Company believe that European concerns own only 1/16 of the total Chinese tenement property in this Colony.

Amongst the difficulties which European concerns find in renting out Chinese tenements are the following:—

(1) That there is a constant loss of rent owing to absconding tenants.

(2) That short of distraintment for rent each month it has been found most difficult and in many cases impossible to collect the rents.

(3) That to stop the destruction to the properties such as pulling down the wood work, etc., a watchman would have to be kept in each house.

As the system of farming out has been described by His Excellency as "a scandalous outrage of public decency" my Company have prepared the following accounts of the returns in respect of certain of their properties showing by accounts Nos. 1 and 2, the returns when directly renting out and by account No. 3 the returns when farming out.

(1) Marine Lots 271, 283 and Inland Lot 499, 165/183, Praya East 2/5 Tin Lok Lane, 100/118 Wanchai Road, 1/19 Bowrington Road, 1/10 Chi Shing Lane.

Purchased from Linstead and Davis 23rd September 1899 for \$86,000.00

Cost of building and other capital charges 122,947.94

\$209,947.94

The following are the annual returns after deducting Crown Rent, Insurance and Repairs, the last at 5% of rentals collected.

1903	Return %
1904	11.78
1905	7.20
1906	3.31
1907	3.04
1908	3.87
1909	2.21
1910	2.13

The property during the year 1903 and 6 months of the year 1904 was farmed out and is the reason for the increased returns.

(2) Marine Lots 107, 108 and 109, 99/116 Praya East, 1/13 Burrows Street, 63/88 Wanchai Road

Purchased from Siemens & Co., 30th January 1900 for \$107,685.62

Cost of building and other capital charges 153,409.77

\$263,095.29

The following are the annual returns after deducting Crown Rent, Insurance and Repairs, the last at 5% of rentals collected.

1903	Return %
1904	2.87
1905	2.80
1906	3.98
1907	4.95
1908	5.49
1909	4.80
1910	4.83
1911	4.84

No deduction has been made for depreciation.

(3) Marine Lots 107, 108, 109, 271, 283 and Inland Lot 499.

Purchase prices as per other sheets \$263,095.29

209,947.94

\$473,043.23

1911	Return %
1912	4.98
1913	6.05
1914	6.05
1915	6.08
1916	6.19
1917	5.57
1918	5.11
1919	5.52
1920	8.85

6 months 1921 9.52 (p.a.)

The account No. 1 which is a direct renting out account shows a constantly diminishing return from the years 1905 to 1910 ranging from 3.31% to 2.13%.

The property during the year 1903 and 6 months of the year 1904 was farmed out and is the reason for the increased returns.

The account No. 2 which is also an entirely direct renting out account shows a return ranging from 5.49% to 2.80% between the years 1903 and 1910.

The account No. 3 which is the farming out of all the properties set out in accounts No. 1 and No. 2 shows the returns for the years 1912 to 1921 the year 1911 being partly direct renting.

In none of these accounts is any allowance made for depreciation which as before stated should be on the basis of 5%.

Every effort was made to collect proper rents by direct renting but after a trial of some ten years it was abundantly clear to my Company that the system was unsatisfactory and farming out was resorted to in the effort to secure a reasonable return on the property. During the ten years the property has been farmed out the net return based on the cost of land and buildings, erected, some 20 years ago, never exceeded 8.85% until the year when the return promise to be about 9.52%—a by no means unreasonable return.

That the Government of this Colony are not only prepared to take advantage of the present rise in the value of property in this Colony but are in fact taking advantage of such rise is abundantly clear from the following extracts appearing in the Hongkong Daily Press of the 24th instant being a Report of the meeting of the Finance Committee.

Praya East Reclamation Scheme. The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$194,800 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Praya East Reclamation Scheme, (46) Road improvement at Arsenal Street, Resumption and alterations of Buildings.

The Chairman: The sum required for rearing the buildings and land included in numbers 6, 7 and 8 on the Praya East known as Blue Buildings is \$190,000 and the marine rights of that land and of marine lot 65 come to \$104,800 which will make a total of \$294,800.

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NOTICE.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 4th day of July, 1921, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land above Bowen Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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A subscription dance will be held at the Club House, North Point, on Friday the 8th July at 8.15 p.m. Tickets \$2.00 including refreshments may be obtained from Ah Mow. Bathing during and after the dance.

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NOTICE.

Friday, 1st July, being a General Holiday, all Departments will be open for business until 1 p.m.

The Hongkong Dispensary will be open for the purpose of dispensing prescriptions until 7.30 p.m.

A. S. WATSON & CO. LTD.
Hongkong, 29th June, 1921.

KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY.

NOTICE.

The Public is hereby notified that time will not be served on trains unless ordered the previous day before 5 p.m.

By Order,
H. P. WINSLOW,
Manager.

Kowloon, 28th June, 1921.

Imports and Exports Office,
Hongkong, 29th June, 1921.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Saturday the 2nd July, 1921, commencing at 10.30 a.m. at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street:

- 3 cases Infant's Hosiery
- 1 bale Khaki Proofed Canvas
- 75 pieces Grey Drills
- 21 pieces White Drills
- 1 case Scarlet Lenos
- 49 lengths Rolled Steel Joists
- 400 lbs. Greasy Packing
- 300 lbs. Tucks Core Packing
- 2 cases Ready-Mixed White Paint
- 2 cases Ready-Mixed Green Paint
- 3 cases Chocolates
- (will be put up in lots suitable to purchasers)
- 2 cases Baking Powder
- 2 cases Pudding Powder.

Terms: Cash on delivery
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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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DARK HOLIDAY.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 3 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be closed for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on FRIDAY, the 1st July, 1921.
Hongkong, 27th June, 1921.

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PATRONAL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, July 3rd 1921.

8 a.m. Holy Communion

11 a.m. Procession, Choral, Eucharist & Sermon.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

THE Steamship

"SHINYO MARU."

From SAN FRANCISCO via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS & SHANGHAI.

The above named Steamer arrived on Thursday the 30th inst. Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to present their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's Godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at Consignees' risk. Storage will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered after 7th July, 1921.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godown, where same will be examined on Thursday, the 7th July, 1921, at 11 a.m. No claims will be recognized after the goods have left the steamer or Godown, and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer. No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Y. TSUTSUMI,
Manager.

Hongkong, 30th June, 1921.

WOMAN FAINTS AT CHURCH SERVICE.

Weakened by a long illness Mrs. Annie Taylor, a resident of White-horse, New Jersey, U.S.A., dropped in a faint at church service. She was carried out by the ushers who thought she was dead.

Mrs. Taylor had suffered for weeks from typhoid fever and the disease had made such inroads on her constitution and had so thinned her blood that she was practically a wreck of her former self. She was not only reduced in weight but her colour was gone and she had little strength.

"I was subject to dizzy spells," relates Mrs. Taylor, "and they came on suddenly. I fainted so often that I was finally advised to have a card with my name and address tried about my neck, in case I should be picked up some time by strangers. My nerves were upset and I trembled almost constantly. My appetite was poor and I could not sleep well though I was always tired. There were sharp pains about my heart and I had frequent headaches. I tried several prescriptions but nothing helped me until a neighbour who had taken Dr. Williams' pink pills with benefit, induced me to take them. In two weeks I felt that the pills were helping me and I continued taking them until I had recovered my lost weight and strength. I no longer have dizzy or fainting spells, I eat and sleep well and the headaches have disappeared. I believe that Dr. Williams' pink pills saved my life and I shall never be without them again."

Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people act directly in supplying the elements that the blood lacks and enable it to properly nourish the nerves and the organs of the body. In this way they are useful in anemia, indigestion, neuralgia, sciatica, and the run-down condition resulting from colds, influenza and fevers. A valuable booklet, "Building Up the Blood," will be sent free upon request. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all druggists, or will be sent by mail, post-paid, on receipt of price, \$1.50 per bottle, \$3 for six bottles, by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 96 Szechuen Road, Shanghai.

AQUATIC SPORTS.

V. R. C. Fete.

The V. R. C. held their second aquatic fete at the Club last night. There were a large number present, including the Colonial Secretary. The baths were artistically decorated and the arrangements generally were efficiently carried out. At the previous fete on one or two occasions there appeared to be a hitch, but last night the races followed one another in quick succession and there was very little waiting between the events. The officials are to be congratulated on the successful way in which everything was carried out. The band of the S.A. Korea Maru, under the conductorship of Bandmaster F. G. Hennesey, entertained the proceedings between the events and greatly contributed to the success of the evening. There was plenty of enthusiasm both on the part of the competitors and those looking on. All the events were keenly contested and the supporters were not backward at shouting words of encouragement and applauding their favourites on to victory. One of the most exciting events was a team race between H.M.S. Carlisle, H.M.S. Titania, the R.G.A. and the 2nd Bata. Wilts. The last named team led during the first part and it appeared that they had an easy victory, but the R.G.A. began after a few laps and it was then seen that the artillery were the better team only they had reserved their best men for the last, while the Wilts. had put their best men in the water first. The R.G.A. won by about half a length from the Wilts team. The two Navy teams made a fight for it among themselves but they were hopelessly outclassed by the two Army teams.

A great deal of amusement was caused by the mixed nomination race. Envelopes containing slips of paper on which were written the names of animals were placed at the top end of the bath, and other envelopes containing numbers corresponding with the lady competitor were placed at the other end. The ladies lined up at one end and swam to the other and drew on blackboards the animal written on the slip of paper. The gentlemen then lined up at one end and swam to the other and opened their envelopes. The gentlemen had to declare the name of the animal corresponding with the number on their slips. There was not much time allowed for the drawing and the result on the blackboard caused a great deal of amusement. The hidden number competition also was very interesting and all enjoyed the good game of water polo. The prizes were distributed in the gymnasium at the conclusion of the sports. The successful competitors were as follows: Boys' two lengths hurdle race (handicap): 1, D. Ogilvie; 2, R. Wicheil. Boys' two lengths handicap: 1, Ungahart; 2, Ogilvie; 3, May. Two lengths scratch race: 1, J. Johnstone; 2, G. Jack. Time 26 4/5 secs. Team race (open to H. M. Forces): 1, R. G. A.; 2, Wilts. Ladies' high dive: 1, Miss Ruby Young; 2, Miss E. Jennings. Four lengths handicap: 1, J. Johnstone; 2, G. Jack. Ladies' team race: 1, Miss G. Ramsay's team. Mixed nomination race: 1, J. Johnstone and Mrs. Scriven. Hidden number: 1, G. Stokes.

THE THEATRE.

In the capable hands of the Russian Light Opera Company "Sylvia" was presented last night to an audience who were not slow in displaying their appreciation. Miss Gloria in the title role of a carboxet singer, in love with a young Prince, was vivacious, and added to the charming effect of graceful acting by a well-modulated voice. Playing opposite her as the Prince, M. Elino made a favourable impression with his singing and acting. As the facetious Conielavru, M. Crochetov, extracted from his role a great deal of humour that was very apparent to the audience in spite of the strange language used to convey it. In the role of the Prince's easily excited father, who had to conquer his prejudice against his son's marriage to the singer, M. Elino was a comical figure. In fact he and M. Crochetov were the sole perpetrators of humour in a piece that could be dull at times in less capable hands. To-night the "Marriage Market" an opera from Canadian life, will be presented.

ON THE WATERFRONT.

Steamer Loses Screw.

Capt. J. Halkett, master of the steamer Taihoo, reported upon arrival at Hongkong on Tuesday that the steamer Tai Lee had been in distress at sea and had been towed into Woosung by his vessel for repairs. The Tai Lee was sighted on June 17, eight miles south three-quarters west of Hooshee flying distress signals and asking to be taken in tow. The Taihoo replied and a tow-line was put aboard the crippled ship. The Taihoo and her charge anchored at Woosung on the evening of June 18. An examination revealed that the propeller was missing from the Tai Lee.

Shiyo due at 6.30 p.m. The Japanese steamer Shiyo Maru, from San Francisco, via Japan, will reach port at 6.30 o'clock this afternoon. The Toyo Kisen Kaisha was informed this morning by wireless communication from the ship.

Tyndareus on Berth. The Blue Funnel steamer Tyndareus, on the leading berth at Hongkong for Pacific Coast ports, will sail on July 6, by way of Kobe and Yokohama. It was announced this morning by Messrs. Butterfield and Swire. The vessel, which has been in port since June 17, has been undergoing repairs necessitated by a fire on board on her inward voyage last trip.

Golden State Arrives Late. The Pacific Mail Steamship Company stated this morning that its vessel, the Golden State, will now not arrive at Hongkong until early to-morrow-morning from San Francisco. Because of typhoon warnings the steamer was delayed at Manila and she did not leave there as reported. She made her departure for this port at noon yesterday and accordingly is due to arrive here in the early hours of to-morrow morning.

Freight Rate Down. An important announcement respecting a reduction in the rates of freight on rattan furniture and matting from Hongkong to the Pacific Coast ports of America and Canada was made public this morning. The new rates on these commodities are: Rattan furniture, 85 matting, 85 per cent. These rates are quoted in American dollars and the ton is measurement. The drop is one of U.S. \$2 in each case and news of it will be gladly received by shippers generally for an adjustment has long been sought after locally. For about a year the rates on rattan and matting manufactures have fluctuated and a great deal of dissatisfaction has been felt by exporters because of the fact. Discussion of the matter between the various lines operating in the trans-Pacific trades came to a head yesterday when a \$2 reduction in both items was decided upon. The new rates will go into effect with to-morrow's business.

In Dock for Overhaul.

Three of the China Navigation Company's steamers are at present at the Taikee Drydock undergoing their annual overhaul. The Chengtu has been in port for ten days and will be commissioned again on Tuesday, July 5, when she will re-enter her usual running between this port and Swatow and Bangkok. The Szechuen, also will come out of dock and sail on Tuesday next for Shanghai and Peking, her old trade. The Yunnan is the third of the fleet tied up at present.

C. N. C. Enlarge Fleet.

The activities of the China Navigation Company are soon to be extended by the addition to the present numerous fleet, of three modern cargo and passenger steamers, according to information gleaned at the offices of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire this morning. The first of the steamers will be ready for commission about the end of July, it is expected, and she will then be placed on one of the coastal runs of the C.N.C. The other two vessels are not being completed so quickly, and their dates of completion will be about the end of this year. The Taikee Dock and Engineering Company is building these vessels.

Specifications of the ships call for vessels of about 1500 tons net register each, having a cargo-carrying capacity of about 3,500 tons of general freight. The passenger accommodation will be well-furnished and twelve first-class berths will be put in. The third class will carry 1400 persons when finished. In the engine room and in other respects the vessels will be thoroughly up-to-date and well

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July 6	
THURSDAY	"MERELY MARY ANN"
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adapted to the needs of the services along the China Coast in which they will be engaged. Names for the ships have not been selected as yet, but in keeping with the older ships of the company will no doubt be given the names of well-known ports and places in China.

THE HOCKEY-PLAYING GIRL. The hockey-playing girl was unanimously described as a potentially bad mother at a conference on the "Physical Education of Girls." "Eighty per cent. of women gymnasts here is 'The Choice' then the delightful play 'Merely Mary Ann.' Mr. Waring is himself playing Henry Ainley's part. Also 'Mrs. Gorrings Necklace' and 'The Adventure of Lady Ursula' will be staged. Booking is at Moutre's.

H. B. WARING CO.

After playing to record business in Shanghai the clever H. B. Waring Co. will open here at the Theatre Royal on Saturday the 2nd July.

The opening piece is to be the dramatized version of George du Maurier's celebrated novel "Trilby." In the two principal roles of Svengali and Trilby, Mr. Charles Quartermaine and Miss Jeannette Sherwin are said to be simply wonderful. "Another big play is to be given here is 'The Choice' then the delightful play 'Merely Mary Ann.' Mr. Waring is himself playing Henry Ainley's part. Also 'Mrs. Gorrings Necklace' and 'The Adventure of Lady Ursula' will be staged. Booking is at Moutre's.

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HOUSE RENTS

(Continued from Page 2.)

The provision made in the Estimates under Public Works Extraordinary, item 46, is \$100,000, and this vote is for the balance. I may add that it will eventually be a very profitable thing for the Government to acquire these buildings and marine rights so that I trust we shall not be out of our money very long.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock: What is the cause of the excess?

The Director of Public Works explained that it was not intended originally to purchase the whole of the buildings and marine rights.

The Chairman: I can show members who desire to see it, a plan. The original intention was to resume only so much as was required for the 100 ft. road, making an imaginary diagonal line across the property, but that was found to be not so good a bargain for the Government as resuming the whole. By this the Government gets a portion of the Praya East, which will probably become most valuable, and a part of which may be required for public purposes which were not foreseen when the original plan was made.

Approved.
From a perusal of the above accounts which are representative of the true position it will be seen that my Company have had many lean years in the past and consequently are now entitled to some of the benefits to be derived from the more remunerative times.

Thanking you for inserting the above.—Yours, etc.,

L. S. GREENHILL,

Acting Secretary.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 29th June, 1921.

GENERAL NEWS

AMERICAN AND ENGLISH ATHLETES TO MEET.

The combined Oxford and Cambridge track team will meet a combined team from Princeton and Cornell in a dual meet at New York, on or about July 29th. Receipt of a cablegram accepting the invitation of the American Universities was announced by Dr. C.W. Kennedy, chairman of the Princeton track committee. The message came from Mr. B.G.D. Rudd, president of the Oxford University Athletic Club and leader of the combined English teams. The meeting will be held under conditions similar to those which obtained in the Oxford-Princeton dual meeting held in London last summer, the American and English teams each entering two men in each event. First place only will count in the scoring. Dr. Kennedy announced that no final arrangements have been made as to the place except that the meeting will be held in New York. Travers Island is favoured by many Princeton men.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

From TACOMA via
YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MOJI
& SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship
"ARABIA MARU"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 5th July, 1921 will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees' representative and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday and Saturday. All claims must be presented within Ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignatures immediately.

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA,
Y. YASUDA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 29th June, 1921.

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WHO WON?

One might well ask "Who won the Coal Strike?" After the wicked miners have been held up to public obliquy and after much talk about a sinister plot to ruin the country, we find that the Prime Minister of England is an enthusiastic party to a settlement which he described as a "great promising experiment." The miners have been freed from their demand of a national pool, says Mr. Lloyd George, yet the Government and the owners combine to give them a profit sharing scheme out of which 83 per cent will go for wages and the remaining 17 per cent for profit. Is that scheme circumscribed to districts or individual pits or will it operate uniformly all over the country? That much Reuter had not told us, but it can fairly be taken for granted that it cannot be confined to each pit, seeing that some are already being worked at a loss. The average reader will not take a lot of convincing that the verdict is something in the nature of a victory for the miners. At any rate it can hardly be called a victory for the owners.

Regarding this profit-sharing scheme which has been heralded in with such a flare of trumpets, it was good to read Mr. Lloyd George's admission that wages must always be the first charge on industry. Judging by the clamour that has of late been made against the miners one would have thought that this dictum had been forgotten. The hope that the nature of this settlement will create new relations between capital and labour is one that must be shared by all who have watched the growth of animosity between these two parties in the industrial scheme of things. Under a co-partnership arrangement—provided it is a just and reasonable one—it will pay both workers and employees to improve their particular concern to the maximum of its efficiency, a vastly different spirit being thereby engendered to what has been witnessed of late where "ca' canny" on the one hand and disregard of the workers' welfare on the other have combined to bring industrial organisations near to the verge of disorganisation. When Mr. Clynes gives the support he has to the suggestion it may be taken for granted that its benefits to labour have been carefully weighed and that it conforms in principle to the industrial viewpoint of those representing the workers.

There is more than one lesson to be gained out of the strike and its settlement. The first is that no Government which arraigns itself wholly on the side of the capitalists can hope to preserve its country's industrial peace. If the British Government had been a little more sympathetic to the miners' claim in the first place the strike might easily have been avoided. It has further been demonstrated that when interests seemingly conflict there is no other course open to any side but that of conferences at which must be evidenced the spirit of sweet reasonableness. Not only has much time been wasted in waiting for overtures, but there has been displayed a lot of pigheaded stubbornness. Both Labour and Capital are sufficiently powerful to declare open warfare, but the aim should be to avoid that at all costs. If Mr. Clynes' words are taken to heart by Labour and if capitalistic interests learn the lesson of the strike, then, in company with Mr. Lloyd George, we can all hope for an era of "new relations."

NOTES & COMMENTS

About Germans.

People don't like talking about Germans even yet, and it will possibly be a long while before we can bring ourselves in this Colony to have anything like close dealings with them. But for the length of this first note we want to refer to a matter concerning Germans in which we think British authorities out East are letting themselves down a little. It is fairly generally known that quite a number of Germans are getting back to their own country from Russia and other places, via the Far East, and that not a few are coming out to Japan and North China. In the course of their travels they must therefore touch at several British ports, but the regulations governing their landing at these various places are so divergent as to constitute, in some cases, a reflection on the British sense of fair play. We learn that there is not the least consistency in the policy followed. On a boat which left Hongkong recently there were three Germans—a married couple in the first class and a bachelor in the second. At Hongkong none of them were allowed ashore, but at Singapore the married couple had not the slightest difficulty in getting a permit, though the bachelor was refused. Apparently a German with a wife is less dangerous than one without one. Then, strange to say, when Penang was reached the authorities there would not countenance the landing of any German—and Penang is not a fortified port as Singapore is. Colombo was equally adamant in its refusal. We are informed that there isn't much difficulty experienced by Germans desiring to land in Hongkong provided a permit is applied for some weeks beforehand. But it seems to us that some distinction should be drawn between Germans who are merely passing through a port and those who desire to reside there. If we are going to keep up this exclusion policy for full three years so far as residence goes, well and good, but what possible harm can there be in permitting passers-through to land in Hongkong, Penang or Colombo when they are permitted to land in Singapore? It savours of pettiness to keep them on board for weeks on end. In any case no Colony should be more lenient or more strict than another on this matter. We trust that for the name of British fairness our authorities out East will see their way to effect the much-desired uniformity.

Opium Smuggling.

As has been evidenced by the large number of prosecutions of late and by what we were enabled to publish yesterday there has undoubtedly been a considerable increase in the smuggling of opium and our Revenue Officers must have been hard put to it to keep up with the activities of the traffickers. It has been thought for some time past that a well-organised syndicate has been controlling the smuggling and sale of illicit opium and this assumption is, in the opinion of those best qualified to judge, given a substantial colouring by recent events. At the last meeting of the Legislative Council an additional sum of nearly \$4,000 was voted to the Imports and Exports Department, it being explained that this sum was necessary to pay for the salaries of one additional European officer and one Chinese revenue officer on account of the increased smuggling. It might be necessary to increase the staff to an even greater extent or to institute a more thorough system of search. The latter course is open to many objections, and no-one wishes to see a repetition of the undignified methods of search which used to be practised on all our local wharves. This question of opium smuggling is one to which the Government will have to give its very closest attention. The revenue from the monopoly has already fallen by a very considerable amount and will legitimately fall still further without being aided in its shrinkage by smuggling. So long as the Government keeps up the local price of the drug to the high level at which it stands to-day so long will the lucrative game be continued. It is difficult to suggest a remedy where none seemingly exists, but it might act as a deterrent if our magistrates were empowered to inflict heavier penalties on all who are brought to justice. The monetary penalties are high enough now in all conscience, but the terms of imprisonment might be lengthened with good results. The policy of

ON BY DAY

IT'S EASY FINDING REASONS WHY OTHERS SHOULD BE PATIENT.—George Lloyd.

H. E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs will take up their residence at Mountain Lodge on July 1st.

Yesterday's health returns show that there was one fatal case of plague and one fatal case of small-pox.

Mrs. J. A. Shaw, living at 10, Tregunter Mansions, May Road, yesterday lost at Repulse Bay, while out bathing, jewelry and articles valued at \$356, which were left in the maulah.

John Gordon, a carpenter on the Empress of Japan, has made a report to the Police that on Tuesday while he was walking on the Praya East some person snatched from his coat pocket a gold chain valued \$45.

The Fourth of July will be commemorated by the Americans in Hongkong at "An Home" to be given by the United States Consul-General, Mr. William H. Gale, at the Hongkong Hotel from 4.30 to 6.30 o'clock on Monday next for the American community in the Colony.

The petition to the Home Government on the question of Constitutional Reform for the Colony is now in its complete form and will be circulated for signatures. Mr. H. E. Fallock K. C., when seen by a representative of this paper, wished it to be understood that the option of signing is not confined to the members of the Constitutional Reform Association, but is open to every member of the public.

The Chinese fitters of the Installation Department of the Hongkong Electric Company commenced work to-day, a settlement with the Management having been arrived at. Mr. Leo d'Almeida, solicitor was engaged on behalf of the strikers. The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (the Hon. Mr. S.B.C. Ross) assumed the role of arbitrator on Tuesday and held a meeting with the leader, to investigate the origin of the trouble. The conference was resumed yesterday morning when the Manager of the Hongkong Electric Company was present. After some discussion the Manager agreed to pay \$25 compensation to the man over whom the strike was instigated.

EUROPEAN ROBBED.

Scene at Sailor's Home.

In Mr. Orme's Court this morning Sub-inspector Willis charged a Chinese youth with the theft of a gold watch and chain with a locket pendant valued at \$40, and \$180 in cash, the property of Mr. J. J. Anderson, marine engineer, living in the Sailors Home, at West Point.

Mr. Anderson said he was sleeping, when a little before daylight he became conscious of the presence of a man in the room. He awoke and asked the man what he wanted there and he replied that he was a house boy and had come to clean the boots. He told him to hurry up, and leave the room. The way the defendant left the room made complainant feel suspicious. A few minutes later he searched his coat pocket and found the money gone, also his gold watch. He called the watchman and they both gave chase. The defendant ran into the complainant's arms.

On the way to the station the defendant dropped the notes. When searched at the police station the chain and locket were found in the defendant's pocket.

The defendant said he was taken into the room by a European. He knew nothing about the money but with regard to the chain and pendant they were handed to the watchman by the complainant to be taken to the station as evidence against him. The watchman put the notes into his (defendant's) pocket. Sub-inspector Willis said that in 1919 the defendant received 21 days for being a suspicious character. This was denied by the defendant but when he was confronted with the police records, he admitted same.

He was sentenced to six months' hard labour, prosecuting steamship owners will undoubtedly assist for they in their turn will request both officers and crews to assist them in keeping the boats free. Until such times as the Hongkong price approximates to the outside price we shall never totally eradicate the smuggling, and therefore, it is, therefore, to make that price as uncomfortable as possible.

LATEST SHANGHAI WIRE

Father's Sad News.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Shanghai, June 30.

Mr. Bolton, of Shanghai, has learned that his one-year-old baby has been murdered in London. The baby left here with its mother, grandmother, elder brother and Japanese nurse last November on the Kaibara.

The Big Fight.

There is plenty of even money offering on Carpentier, this shift in the betting coming from the French community. Last night there was unusual interest being displayed.

The Rice Crisis.

The rice dealers are postponing their strike until July 5. Prices continue to soar but the outlook in the Settlement is better.

The Police Trouble.

The eight constables who were dismissed have engaged a lawyer to the fight Council. Meantime, twenty others are disaffected and plan to resign unless their pay is raised.

A QUESTION OF SAMPLES.

Interesting Court Action.

Arising out of a contract for the sale and purchase of a quantity of singlets and ladies' stockings, a case came before Mr. Justice Wood in the Summary Court to-day, plaintiffs being the Sheng Lok Company and defendants the Seing Hin Firm. The claim was for \$612, amount due for goods sold and delivered. Mr. C. F. Mason was for the plaintiffs and Mr. G. E. Haywood appeared for defendants.

For the plaintiffs it was stated that the goods were delivered to defendant firm but they refused to pay for them on the grounds that they were not up to sample. Mr. Mason said the only point for His Lordship to decide was whether the samples produced by defendants were the samples under which they bought the goods or whether for the purpose of this action and for the purpose of dispute the defendants had taken some other samples which they alleged to be plaintiffs' sample.

Mr. E. Lamert was called to give evidence as to whether the singlets produced would be described as low-collar singlets and was cross-examined as to the definition of "pingling" and "waling" singlets. He said he had heard the terms but did not like to commit himself. The singlet to him appeared to be a low collar singlet.

Mr. Mason continued that the defendants later said that the goods had been ordered by mistake and offered to pay compensation. This was refused and eventually a writ was issued. He had received a letter from defendants stating that they were willing to pay for the goods if they were opened and inspected in the presence of both parties. The goods were inspected and were found to be not up to sample produced by defendants.

The samples alleged to have been those on which the contract was based and samples from the goods delivered were produced in Court and evidence was given upon them. The broker in the transaction said the defendants' samples, were not the samples that he gave the defendant firm and similar evidence was given by the manager of the plaintiff firm.

The case is proceeding.

AMBER GLASSES.

Amber lenses have proved to be most efficient for outdoor wear in the tropical sun. All irritating light rays are absorbed and the result is a restful feeling to the eye and a relief from the white glare. Amber lenses are especially recommended to those whose work takes them in the sun. Army officers find them indispensable on the range. Persons contemplating a sea voyage will find these glasses almost a necessity. Amber lenses of any prescription in either regular or Toric forms are manufactured by The Hongkong Optical Co., Successors to Clark & Co., Scientific Opticians, located in Queen's Road Central.

MACAO WATER SCHEME

An Unexpected Check.

A check, which has postponed the calling of tenders for piping and other accessories in connection with the scheme for a supply of pure water for Macao, has been encountered in connection with the main feature in the project. As is well-known one of the chief problems that has constantly faced the Department of Public Works of the neighbouring Colony is the urgent necessity of having a reliable and pure supply of water, the present output being wholly inadequate and the water partly brackish when drawn from the primitive wells that have been in existence since the acquisition of the Peninsula by the Portuguese. In view of the close proximity of salt water, it is necessary to sink these artesian wells to a great depth in order to reach the stratum where pure water is to be found. The engineers engaged in the sinking of the first of these shafts had bored to a depth of 180 feet when an unexpected difficulty was encountered in striking a layer of rock. It then became necessary to postpone the drilling until the proper machinery could be procured for continuing the work. It would appear that the engineers engaged on the work had set out with the confidence of reaching fresh water at a comparatively small depth, but in the opinion of a local con-

ANOTHER SHANGHAI WIRE

An Instance of Growing Illness.

Another instance of growing illness was transacted yesterday afternoon when the four-story building at Don Young Road Central previously owned by the C. E. Warren Company, was forced into the possession of a Chinese syndicate for a sum of \$150,000, not \$170,000 as stated erroneously by a morning contemporary. It is interesting to note in connection with the rise in the value of property that the same building was, about the beginning of this year, purchased from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for a sum of only \$50,000.

tractor, interviewed by our representative, that object will only be attained by drilling as deep as 2,000 feet, past the numerous layers of earth, shells, stones, gravel, and mud, that comprise the particular strata of the district.

The cost of the needed piping is estimated at \$240,000. In view of the great depth to which the wells will have to be sunk, special machinery in the shape of compression pumps, will, in the opinion of the expert consulted by our representative, have to be used for the suction of the water into the supply mains. Present plans call for the sinking of as many as twenty wells for the Colony.

Between Ourselves

By Robt. MacWhirter.

I don't know whether the *Telegraph* office was mentioned in your last Sanitary Board report but by the *Hokay Fly*, this last week or so back it's been an awful place for mosquitoes. Where they come from, the Lord only knows but they're the healthiest and strongest breed o' their kind that I ever come across. I don't suppose we'll get much sympathy for after all, there's some kind o' poetic justice in getting well stung, while in the midst of writing stinging paragraphs.

There's aye some kind o' compensation in everything though. Frantic individuals that dinna like the position of their advertisements never extend their visit nowadays to a point beyond the third or fourth stretch. Ye can neither be dignified nor angry and keep scratching your ankles at the same time. Folks wi' bees in their bonnets and grouses deeply imbedded in their system, who think an Editor's chief end is to glorify their ideas that the public may enjoy them forever, do not tarry long these days alongside the editorial desk. Ye canna convince a man what stupid fools the police are and have to keep scratching back of your neck the while. The exuberance of the spirit volatilizes in ratio to the size of the lumps. Then the fresh guy from the Philippines, who left Manila on the 24th and who breezes into our office rascally demanding a sight of the *Bulletin* of the 25th, he also does not stand on the order of his going, tough as his cuticle undoubtedly is.

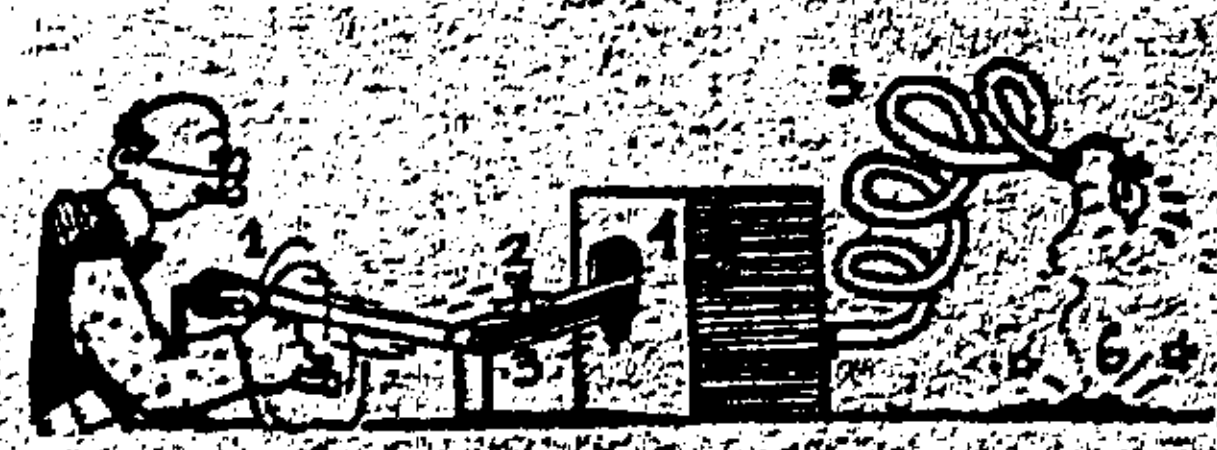
There's a nice old-fashioned cane chair in the corner. I think it must have belonged way back in Frazer Smith's time. In this receptacle is invited to sit all the rustling fellows from the States, wearing horn-rimmed spectacles and a seven inch smile, who are right in on the ground floor of the paper market. Will they please be seated for a few minutes while we wind up the machine downstairs wi' a can-opener? Surest thing you know, down they settle, absorbing the dust of forty years, rocking moorh in their anxiety for business what may hap. Soon the advance mosquito guard samples him and passes the word along to the main body of a new taste in the blood stream closely allied to pumpkin pie and spearmint. Soon that lad from Massachusetts rooves along enquiring as he passes through the front office as to the location of the nearest drug store. Aye, that chair's saved the firm a lot of money first and last.

But last week our editor kicked. These infernal skeeters had to be removed. That was after an exceedingly trying day and signs of a certain liveliness were not wanting in his arms. The issuance of solemn editorial warnings is exceeding hard during a mosquito raid and may account somewhat for the petobines in the flow of diction evidenced in several of the *Telegraph's* leaders of late. The one on Archbishop Mannix and later still the few remarks offered to our Police re Motors may perhaps be cited as examples.

But as they say in Governmental circles, steps were taken. Oh, yes, steps were taken but our mosquitoes treated same, like the Irishman, wi' groans of silent contempt. Strong carbolic soap figured in the petty cash account several times and was supposed to have reached the dark corners. Several bottles of liquid suicide for the pests where next employed, but our enemies were deterred not; indeed it seemed to merely act as a tonic. Never was news so plentiful in the office. The reporters refused to stay indoors.

I rung up my old friend Dr. Theophilus McGink, to send round a Sootyroyer but after listening to my story he thought that a special apparatus would be necessary to meet the case. He would send the plans round in a day or two. In the meantime our sub-editor began to complain of not being able to get into his clothes owing to the temporary extensions caused by the varmint. Behold our saviour walked calmly in the day before yesterday and demanded to know what was the matter wi' us all. It was Mrs. Woods, the dear soul, and she was keeping better thanks, yes, but it was too hot for dancing nowadays and why don't you, silly, people get some of these Japanese Smudge sticks and set them alight. That would soon shift the mosquitoes.

And so they did though we still suffer from the effect of our office boys scornful smile who fondly imagines he's got a job for life burning foot-sticks. But they did the trick and we're stung no more. The genial doctor sent round his latest medical invention (last night). We don't need it now but give it instead to a credulous public for what it's worth.



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HOUSE RENTS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

even in that case the tenant will not be turned out unless the court is satisfied that alternative accommodation, reasonably equivalent in all respects, is available. If a tenant does leave, or is ejected, no new tenant will be liable for any rent higher than the standard rent, notwithstanding any agreement to the contrary.

10. It is obvious that the rights of intermediate lessees, e.g., farmers, may be affected by the operation of the Ordinance. The lessee who collects the rents from the tenants in actual occupation will in future be restricted to the collection of the respective standard rents of his property, while he will still be bound to pay to his lessor the lump sum rent which he agreed to pay when he was unrestricted as to the rents which he could collect from his tenants. Clause 5 gives to such an intermediate lessee the right to apply to the court for the revision of the rent payable by him under his lease, and the court is given an uncontrolled discretion to make any order which the court may consider just. If there is another intermediate lessee above the lessee just referred to the revision of the latter's rent will injuriously affect the former, who is accordingly also enabled to apply to the court to revise the rent payable by him to his lessor. The intention of this that any loss caused by the reduction of the rents payable by the actual tenants shall be shared fairly by the various lessors. The Court in question will be the Summary Court, and there will be an appeal by special leave to the Full Court.

11. Clause 6 provides that any question arising under the Ordinance is to be decided by the Summary Court in the first instance, and that an appeal will lie as of right to the full court of two judges, whose decision shall be final. It will be noticed that there is an appeal as of right in all cases except in the one case of revision of rents payable under intermediate leases. An appeal as of right is not given in the latter case because no question of law would ordinarily be involved, and the decision is intended as a sort of arbitration between the parties so as to arrive in a more or less rough and ready way at a fair apportionment of the loss caused by the Ordinance.

12. Returns under the Rating Ordinance, and assessments, are made admissible as evidence of the rent of premises. Power is also given to the court to order the production of any books of account or documents whatsoever if it appears to the court that such books of account or documents may be relevant to any matter arising under the Ordinance.

13. The Ordinance is to continue in force until the 30th June, 1922, and power is given to the Legislative Council by resolution to extend this duration for such term, not exceeding one year at any one time, as may be specified in the resolution.

his landlord shall have given him one month's notice expiring with the Ordinance. In other words, a landlord cannot turn a monthly tenant out, at or after the ultimate expiration of the Ordinance, except by giving the tenant a month's notice. Similar remarks apply to other tenancies, such as yearly or weekly tenancies. Any tenant so holding over after the termination of the Ordinance holds over at the standard rent.

15. Clause 4 (4) has a retrospective operation, and for that reason the sub-clause deserves special attention. It provides, in effect, that if any ejectment order shall have been made before the passing of the Ordinance, but shall not have been executed, the court may rescind or vary the order if it is one which would not have been made if the Ordinance had been in force. In other words, a tenant who has received notice to quit on the 30th June, but who, being quite unable to find other accommodation, remains on his house after the 30th June, and who has an order for ejectment made against him before the passing of the Ordinance, will, if this sub-clause become law before he has been actually turned out, be able to apply to the court to rescind or vary the ejectment order.

STANDARD RENT DEFINED.
The Bill itself sets out what is meant by "Standard Rent," stating that the phrase means:—
(i) if the domestic tenement was actually let on the 31st December, 1920, the rate of rent which was recoverable from the tenant in actual occupation on the 31st December, 1920; and

(ii) if such domestic tenement was not actually let on the 31st December, 1920, but had been let on some previous date the rate of rent which was recoverable from the tenant in actual occupation on the last occasion before the 31st December, 1920, on which the domestic tenement was actually let; and

(iii) if such domestic tenement was not let until after the 31st December, 1920, the rate of rent at which such domestic tenement was or shall be first let to a tenant in actual occupation.

Clause 3 provides that no rent in excess of the "standard rent" shall be recoverable from the tenant in actual occupation.

RESTRICTING EJECTMENTS.
Clause 4 provides that no landlord can recover the possession of his domestic tenement, unless the tenant has failed to pay the standard rent; has failed to perform some obligation of his tenancy; has been guilty of bad conduct; has given notice himself to quit; or if the landlord requires the house for his own occupation. There are further safeguarding sections.

POWERS OF REVISION.
Clause 5 states that "where the rights of any lessee of any building or buildings, other than the Crown lessee and tenant in actual occupation, are affected by the operation of this Ordinance, it shall be lawful for such lessee to apply to the court for the revision of the rent payable under the lease, and upon such application the court may make such order as it shall think fit."

The Clause proceeds to set out the procedure.
Clause 7 specifies that the collection of rates shall not be affected.
Clause 11 reads:—"Immediately after this Ordinance shall cease to be in force any tenant who shall have been in occupation at the time when this Ordinance ceases to be in force, shall be deemed to be holding over lawfully on the tenancy terms on which he shall have been holding immediately before this Ordinance ceases to be in force, and at the standard rent, unless the landlord shall have given such tenant

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

In-Day's Meeting.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber this afternoon at 2.30. His Excellency the Governor (Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.) presided and there were also present: Major-General Sir G. Kirkpatrick, K.C.B., K.C.S.I.; The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary; The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, O.B.E., Attorney General; The Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins, Director of Public Works; The Hon. Mr. C. Mol. Messer, O.B.E., Colonial Treasurer; The Hon. Mr. S. C. B. Ross, O.B.E., Secretary for Chinese Affairs; The Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, Director of Education; The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.; The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak; The Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird; The Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen; The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak; The Hon. Mr. Ho Fook; Mr. S. B. McElderry, Clerk of Councils.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

The following Financial Minutes were referred to the Finance Committee and subsequently approved:—

\$2,700 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, New Building for block working at Hung Hom.

\$400 in aid of the vote Education, A.—Director of Education, Other Charges, Laboratory (Queen's College).

\$1,000 in aid of the vote Harbour Master's Department, Other Charges, Examination Fees.

FOOD PRICES.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock asked the following questions:—
1. Has the Committee for fixing the prices of food and other necessities been dissolved and if so when was it dissolved and why? If not dissolved, how long is it since it last met?
2. Is the Government aware that the prices of fish and firewood have been recently considerably increased by compradores? Will the Government cause enquiries to be made into the same, with a view having same reduced?

The Hon. Colonial Secretary replied:—
1. The Committee referred to was appointed under the Order-in-Council of 1896 as a war measure. It has long ago ceased to perform the functions for which it was appointed though it has not been formally dissolved.

2. The Government has received no complaints with regard to the increases in prices referred to, and is not disposed to interfere with retail trade in the Colony except in very exceptional circumstances.

ANOTHER BUSINESS.

Apart from the introduction of the new Bill regarding house rents (reported elsewhere) the Council then proceeded to consider the second readings of the following:—
A Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend further the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

A Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance, 1900.

A Bill intituled An Ordinance to facilitate the enforcement in the Colony of Maintenance Orders made in England or Ireland and vice versa, and to declare the application of the Married Women (Desertion) Ordinance, 1905, and to amend the said Ordinance.

A Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the law relating to criminal procedure in the Supreme Court.

A Bill intituled An Ordinance to repeal the Non-Ferrous Metal Industry Ordinance, 1919, and the Non-Ferrous Metal Industry Amendment Ordinance, 1920.

A Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend further the law relating to companies.

NURSES ROLL OF HONOUR.

A return states that during the war 300 British nurses died while on service with the Forces.

such notice to quit, terminating with the termination of this Ordinance, as would have been a due notice to quit under the terms of the tenancy if this Ordinance had not been passed."

The Attorney General in introducing the Bill read the Objects and Reasons.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a first time without discussion.

The next meeting of the Council will be held this day fortnight (July 14).

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TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Stamford Bridge football ground, Chelsea, which has just changed owners, has temporarily supplanted the Crystal Palace as the meeting place for the Cup final; but there is a possibility of a return to the large ground. Eight years ago it was estimated that it would cost £70,000 to provide permanent stands for 130,000 spectators at Stamford, but the trustees have not given up hope of meeting the requirements of the Football Association. The record for attendance is easily held by the Crystal Palace, 120,000 passing the turnstiles in 1913, when Aston Villa met Sunderland.

The ex-Kaiser must be in need of hard cash. At least, he has given orders to his Court Marshal to sell his most valuable property. That is the Villa Alexander, situated in the midst of a great park, not very far from Potsdam. For generations the villa has not been inhabited, and no visitors have during that time been permitted to enter it. It is believed that the sale price will be between 30 and 40 million marks, and already five prospective purchasers have approached the Court Marshal. The villa missed winning a world name for itself by the ex-Kaiser's flight into Holland. When the revolution was seen to be inevitable, the intention was to detain the monarch and his consort there—at first, at any rate.

Lloyd's, the shipping insurers have attained the jubilee of their incorporation, but their history goes back more than another century. The recent prophecy of twins and triplets will have already excited the underwriters, who had reduced these risks to a scientific basis before Mars and Venus began their courtship this year. One gentleman insured himself with Lloyd's against the consequences of laying violent hands on his mother-in-law for the sum of £20,000. One of the marine insurance policies preserved at Lloyd's is dated January 20, 1680, insuring the Golden Fleece, of 250 tons, on a voyage from Lisbon to Venice, at the rate of 24 per cent. "Lloyd's List" was once suppressed for 30 years, for criticising the action of the House of Lords. Resumed in 1728, it has appeared regularly ever since.

There is a romantic story attached to "The Memoirs of Count Witte," which Messrs. Count Witte have just published. Count Witte

was in many respects a remarkable man. A nobleman, he began his career as a railway booking clerk, rose to be Director of Railways, and afterwards Russia's Prime Minister, and one of her greatest statesmen. His memoirs, which contain some very frank criticisms of the Emperor Nicholas, were written abroad, and were subsequently deposited in the vaults of a French bank. When Count Witte died a search was made by emissaries of the Russian Court for these memoirs, but Countess Witte refused to say where they were hidden. When the revolution came that overwhelmed the empire the MSS. were recovered, and they were published simultaneously in this country, France, Spain, Germany, Russia, and the United States.

The ruthless destruction by fire of Dublin's stately Custom House robs the Irish capital of one of the chief of its architectural glories. Built in 1781, it has justly been described as "the loveliest building in the whole of Dublin." Every traveller who has passed down the Liffey to the quays at North Wall has admired the imposing river-front of Doric design and the dome that stands 125ft. high crowned with a 16ft. figure emblematic of Commerce. Close observers have admirably noted the rich cornice with its centre-piece depicting Ireland and England in loving embrace and holding in their hands the emblems of Peace and Liberty! The Custom House has four fronts, and inside is, or was, a magnificent staircase enriched with an Ionic colonnade. Its architect was James Gandon, the Londoner, who spent most of his life in Ireland and most of his career in beautifying eighteenth-century Dublin. In building the Custom House the architect had often to encounter the armed opposition of Liffey-side dwellers. Its famous Four Courts, on the further side of O'Connell-street, the Inns of Court, and the handsome Carlisle Bridge, as well as the Military Hospital, and many of the imposing town houses which still give Dublin the air of distinction that pertains to the Irish capital and saves it from all suggestion of provincialism. Gandon was, by the way, one of the original members of the Royal Irish Academy.

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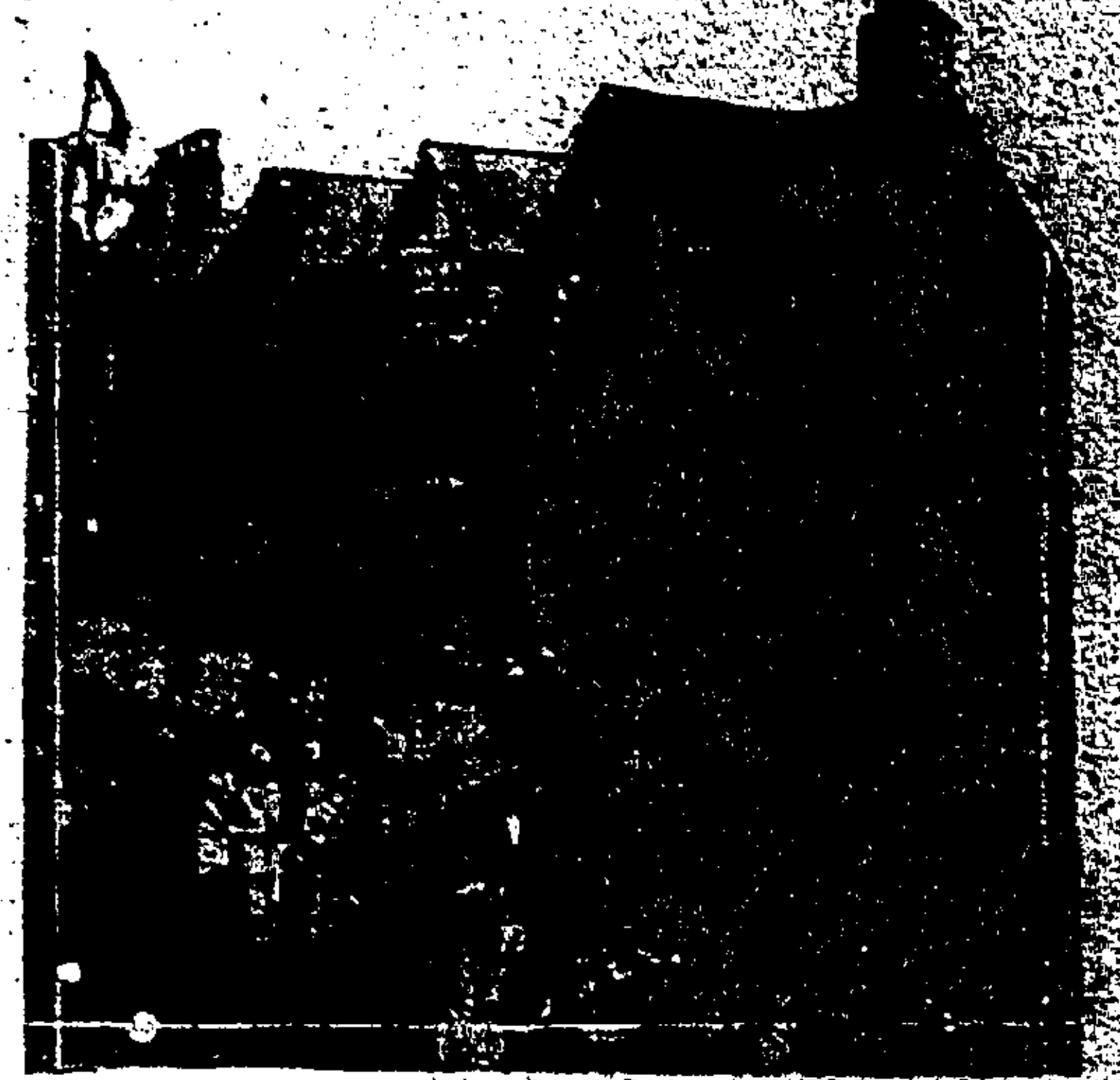
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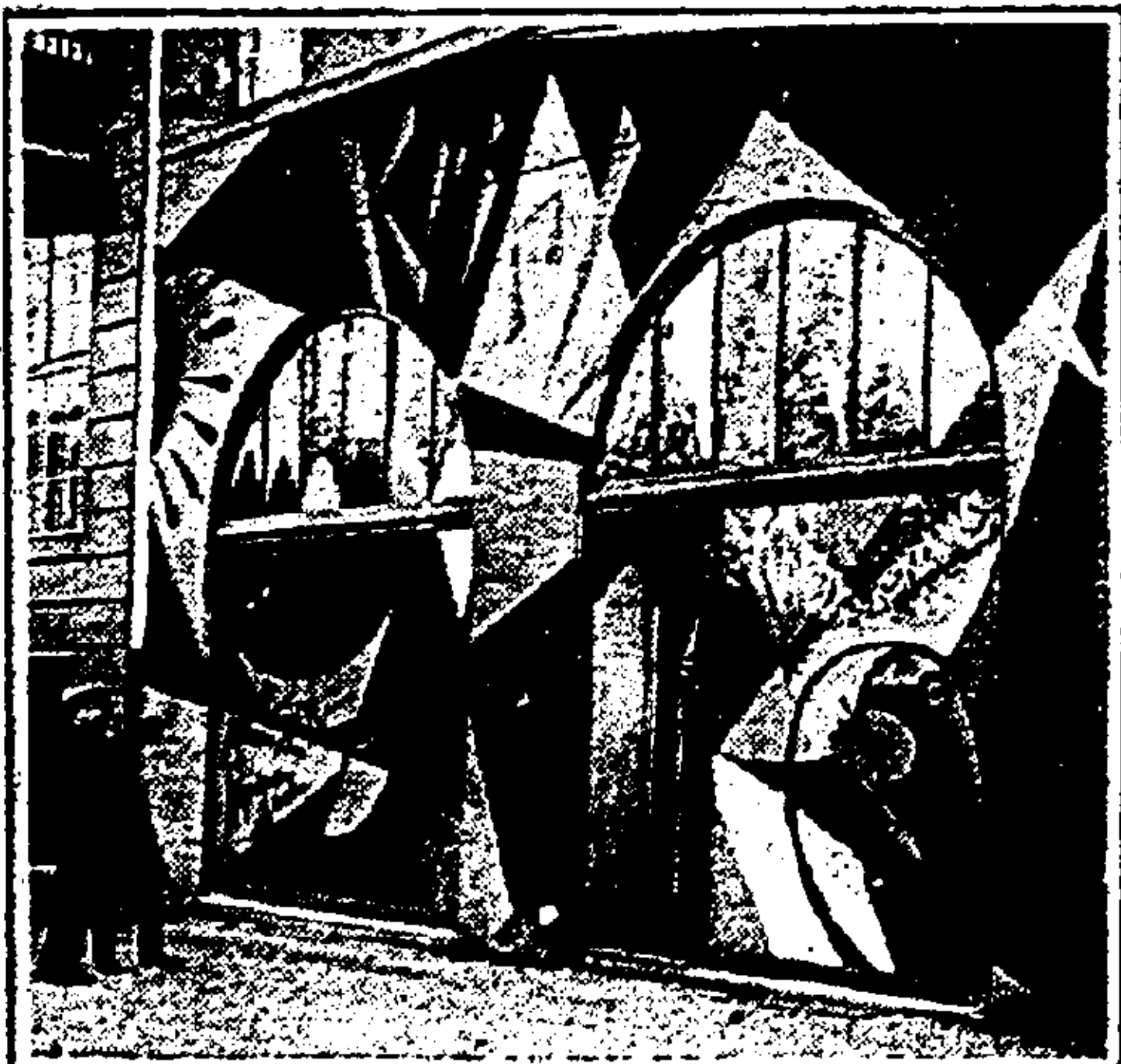


Mme. Curie, famous Paris scientist, who gave radium to the world, with President Harding at the White House, just after the president had presented her with a gram of radium, worth \$100,000, the gift of American women.



RESIDENTS OF STRATFORD-ON-AVON MARCHING PAST SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHPLACE.

Shakespearean societies, schools and thousands of other organizations paid tribute to the greatness of Shakespeare on the recent anniversary of his birth. Residents of Stratford-on-Avon, observed the day with a procession and other ceremonies.



Futurist art has been put to practical use in Germany. Here's a Cinema advertisement, painted over a shop front in Berlin.



SHAIKH MUSHIR HOSAIN KIDWAI OF GADIA.

This representative from India to the Imperial Conference, is a poet and author and a scion of one of the best and oldest families of India. He has travelled widely and his name has appeared in the press of Turkey, Egypt, France and America.



Miss Elizabeth Bertha Smith, Diving Champion of Europe, in some of her diving postures.



MIA MAHOMED HAJI JAN MAHOMED CHOTANI.

Mia Mahomed Haji Jan Mahomed Chotani is another of the Indian delegation to the Imperial Conference of this year. Chotani recently made a trip to Paris by aeroplane in connection with the conference. He is seen here in his official robes.



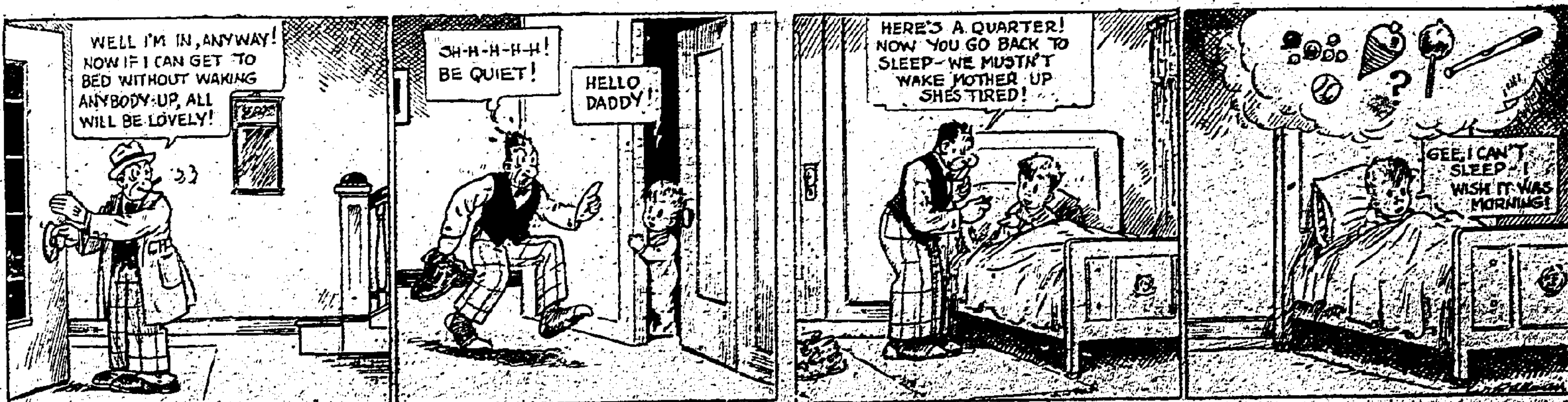
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THE FIGHTING.

Success of Cantonese Troops.

Our Canton correspondent, in writing of the progress of the fighting between Kwangtung and Kwangsi, says that a report from Wuchow states that the Kwangsi forces, after evacuating Wuchow have, stationed themselves along the west bank of the Fu Ho river, and that artillery fire was exchanged for two days and nights. On the morning of the 28th the Cantonese troops tried to make dash across the river on pontoons. Many soldiers were drowned, and it is said that nearly one thousand men were lost. This is possibly exaggerated. It is said that the commanders of both sides have mutually agreed not to fight near Wuchow city.

A military report states that Yang Hang, Commander of the 1st Division, has arrived at Yingtak district, and will make his headquarters at Linbo. His advance force is reconnoitring for the re-capture of Linyang. Ngai Pong-ping's force at Wuchow has captured the market towns of Ma Hou and Ping Nam. The enemy fled and left for to attack Chumchow.

The Cantonese troops after having re-captured Pochow have also re-captured the Linkong district. Both are in the Kocho prefecture. We take the following from the Canton Times:—While a well known company is doing everything possible for comfort of our troops who are fighting for democracy against Kwangsi invasion, a report is current that a certain Japanese steamer which is now in Shanghai, with a large quantity of munitions and money is intended for the Kwangsi troops who are now trying to invade Kwangtung. It is believed that this particular Japanese steamer will first sail to Shanghai port awaiting further developments and should a seaport be captured by the Kwangsi troops, the steamer will sail for that port and deliver the munitions and funds into the hands of

the Kwangsi troops. A protest has been lodged by the Cantonese residents in Shanghai against this bold step taken by the Japanese and the Shanghai authorities have been approached to intern the steamer so as to prevent it from sailing.

Conditions in Wuchow are now becoming normal and business has been resumed with its usual peaceful order. While the bank notes issued by the Kwangsi militarists are depreciating, the notes issued by the Kwangtung Provincial Bank are freely accepted at their par value as leg 1 tender. Gen. Tang Hang, Chi f of Staff of the Cantonese Army who took charge of the military affairs of the province since the departure of Gen Chen Chung-ming for the front, is now preparing to lead his forces in person to drive back the Kwangsi invaders who threaten the northern section of the province. It is learned that the invaders seeing no hope of securing a seaport in the south invite outside to help, have changed their plan to attack the northern section of Kwangtung with the hope of making connections with Kiangsi which is still loyal to the illegal government in Peking. The Kwangsi invaders are now looking to Tuchun Chen Kwang-yuan of Kiangsi for succour. In order to thwart their scheme of trying to come in contact with Kiangsi, Gen. Tang Hang realised the necessity of checking their advance toward that province and it is expected that he will leave for the front at this part of the province, in a few days. The officers and troops of the vanguard have been despatched for the front and as soon as his duties in Canton have been finished, he will depart for the front to lead the campaign in person.

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(Opening Rate: closing Rate on Page 11.)

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30 d/s	2/7 1/2
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1/T Shanghai	Nom.
1/T Singapore	112
1/T Japan	101 1/2
1/T India	20 1/2
Demand, India	—
1/T San Francisco & New York	49 1/2
1/T Java	143 1/2
1/T Marks	Nom.
1/T France	670
Demand, Paris	—

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4 m/s. D/P	2 3/4
6 m/s. L/C	2 3/4
30 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne	2 10 1/2
30 d/s. San Francisco, co & New York	52 1/2
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. France	660
6 m/s. France	680
Demand, Germany	—
Demand, New York	49 1/2
1/T Bombay	Nom.
Demand, Bombay	20 1/2
1/T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Calcutta	20 1/2
On Yokohama	101 1/2
Demand, Manila	105
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On Haiphong	Nom.
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On Bangkok	81
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RIVER LEVELS.

As a guide to skippers and others interested in the water levels of the river we have been requested by the Board of Conservancy Works of Kwangtung to publish the following table of water levels. The levels are taken at 10 a.m. each day.

Place of Observation	Highest W. L. ever recorded	Lowest W. L. ever recorded	W. L. June 28	W. L. June 29
Wuchow, West River	+19.50	-2.24	7.00	6.70
Kongmoon	+14.70	-0.80	7.00	6.70
Linkongh, North	+57.00	0	12.50	11.80
Samsui, East	+27.25	-5.00	12.80	11.80
Sheklung, East	+15.15	-0.98	3.97	3.80

TIDE TABLE.

27th June to 3rd July, 1921.

Day	High Water	Low Water	Day	High Water	Low Water
Mon. 27	3.45	4.15	Mon. 27	3.45	4.15
Tues. 28	3.45	4.15	Tues. 28	3.45	4.15
Wed. 29	3.45	4.15	Wed. 29	3.45	4.15
Thur. 30	3.45	4.15	Thur. 30	3.45	4.15
Fri. 1	3.45	4.15	Fri. 1	3.45	4.15
Sat. 2	3.45	4.15	Sat. 2	3.45	4.15
Sun. 3	3.45	4.15	Sun. 3	3.45	4.15

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WEEK DAYS.

Time	From Peak	To Peak
7.30 a.m.	to 8.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
8.30 a.m.	to 12.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.
12.30 p.m.	to 1.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.
1.30 p.m.	to 2.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.
2.30 p.m.	to 3.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.
3.30 p.m.	to 4.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.
4.30 p.m.	to 5.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.
5.30 p.m.	to 6.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.
6.30 p.m.	to 7.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.
7.30 p.m.	to 8.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.
8.30 p.m.	to 9.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.
9.30 p.m.	to 10.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.
10.30 p.m.	to 11.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.
11.30 p.m.	to 12.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.

NIGHT CARS.

Time	From Peak	To Peak
8.30 p.m.	to 12.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
12.30 a.m.	to 1.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
1.30 a.m.	to 2.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
2.30 a.m.	to 3.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
3.30 a.m.	to 4.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
4.30 a.m.	to 5.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
5.30 a.m.	to 6.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
6.30 a.m.	to 7.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
7.30 a.m.	to 8.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
8.30 a.m.	to 9.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
9.30 a.m.	to 10.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
10.30 a.m.	to 11.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
11.30 a.m.	to 12.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.

SUNDAYS.

Time	From Peak	To Peak
7.30 a.m.	to 8.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
8.30 a.m.	to 12.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.
12.30 p.m.	to 1.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.
1.30 p.m.	to 2.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.
2.30 p.m.	to 3.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.
3.30 p.m.	to 4.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.
4.30 p.m.	to 5.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.
5.30 p.m.	to 6.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.
6.30 p.m.	to 7.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.
7.30 p.m.	to 8.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.
8.30 p.m.	to 9.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.
9.30 p.m.	to 10.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.
10.30 p.m.	to 11.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.
11.30 p.m.	to 12.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.

NIGHT CARS.

Time	From Peak	To Peak
8.30 p.m.	to 12.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
12.30 a.m.	to 1.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
1.30 a.m.	to 2.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
2.30 a.m.	to 3.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
3.30 a.m.	to 4.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
4.30 a.m.	to 5.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
5.30 a.m.	to 6.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
6.30 a.m.	to 7.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
7.30 a.m.	to 8.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
8.30 a.m.	to 9.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
9.30 a.m.	to 10.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
10.30 a.m.	to 11.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
11.30 a.m.	to 12.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.

SPECIAL CARS.

Time	From Peak	To Peak
8.30 p.m.	to 12.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
12.30 a.m.	to 1.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
1.30 a.m.	to 2.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
2.30 a.m.	to 3.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
3.30 a.m.	to 4.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
4.30 a.m.	to 5.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
5.30 a.m.	to 6.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
6.30 a.m.	to 7.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
7.30 a.m.	to 8.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
8.30 a.m.	to 9.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
9.30 a.m.	to 10.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
10.30 a.m.	to 11.30 a.m.	Every 15 min.
11.30 a.m.	to 12.30 p.m.	Every 15 min.

ENTERTAINMENT.



TO-DAY
at 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 and 9.15
FINAL EPISODES
OF
"THE LOST
CITY"

The Australian's
First Match in England.

TO-DAY at 5.30 and 9.15
JANE COWLE
in
"THE SPREADING DAWN"
6 parts
SNUG POLLARD COMEDY
MEXICAN SCENIC FILM



HONGKONG THEATRE

TO-NIGHT at 5.15 and 9.15 p.m.

CARMEL MYERS

"WHO WILL MARRY ME?"

JOE MARTIN

"MONKEY STUFF"

TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

OFFICIAL PRICES.

Banks.

H.K. & S. Bank s. 737 1/2 ex rights	do Rights b. 135 s. 140 pm.
Bk. of E. Asia	b. 150

Marine Insurance.

Cantons	b. 402 1/2
North China	b. 144
Unions	b. 240
Yangtze	b. 26
Far Eastern	b. 22

Fire Insurance.

China Fire	b. 120
H. K. Fire	b. 317 1/2

Shipping.

Douglases	b. 61
H.K. Steamboats	b. 25 1/2
Indos (Prof.)	b. 33
Indo Def. Lon/Roy.	b. 275
Indo Def. H.K. Reg.	b. 270
Shells	b. 115 1/2
Ferries	b. 31

Refineries.

Sugars	b. 200 1/2
Malabona	b. 55

Mining.

Kallans	b. 80
Langkate	b. 11
Shanghai Loans	b. 11
S'hai Explorations	b. 11
Rauba	b. 24 1/2
Fronchs	b. 21 1/2
Ural Caspians	b. 21 1/2

Jocks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	b. 97
H.K. Wharves	b. 213 1/2
H'hai Docks	b. s. & sa. 159
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H'hai Lands	b. 35
H'hai Lands	b. 122
West Point	b. 60

Cotton Mills	b. 24 1/2
Kwong Yik	b. 17 1/2
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